

Remarks

Specification

The Abstract is amended to conform to the currently amended claims, and to incorporate suggestions of the Examiner.

Section 112, ¶ 1 and Section 101 Rejections

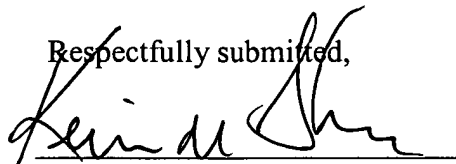
Claims 1, 5-7, 9-13 and 15-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1 and 35 U.S.C. § 101 because of the breadth of the claims not being enabled by the specification. The claims are now limited to compounds of Group 6 and 10, and more particularly in the dependent claims to Mo and Pd. While only Mo and Pd are exemplified, there is no requirement that the claims be limited only to the embodiments disclosed. Further, Mo, being one of a similar class of Group 6 metals, and Pd, being one of a similar class of Group 10 metals, would be expected to behave similarly to others in their class, as it is well known that compounds of the same Periodic Table Group, having similar outer electron structure, will form similar bonding systems. Thus, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Section 112, ¶ 2 Rejections

Claims X-Y were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 for being indefinite. The applicant amends the claims accordingly.

It is submitted that the case is in condition for allowance. The Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

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